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THE WEATHER

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Mysterious Shot

Fired at Mrs. De Soo of Mokena

Tuesday evening Mokena was thrown into a fit of excitement as the news spread that an attempt at murder had been made on the De Soo farm on Wolf road north of Mokena when a mysterious shot was fired at Mrs. DeSoo.

According to the story of Mrs. DeSoo, she had been to Mokena to buy groceries and came home about six o'clock, and as she entered the yard she saw the form of a man standing near an outbuilding and as soon as she saw the man she heard a shot fired and the sound of a bullet whizzing by her head.

She hurriedly left her groceries in the house also two children and went to the Ever farm a short distance south of the DeSoo farm and telephoned to Mokena asking for assistance in capturing the mysterious would-be assassin. Deputies Elmer Cooper and Richard Hensel responded as also did John Frisch and the editor. Upon arriving at the De Soo home a search was made of the premises, but no trace of any kind could be found of the supposed assassin. Mr. DeSoo had gone to Chicago at noon and Mrs. De Soo and the children were at home alone at the time the shooting took place.

Who the prowler could have been and why he should have fired at Mrs. DeSoo is a mystery. Luckily she was not hurt.

New Pavement

Now Open

Concrete pavement on Crawford avenue, recently reported open from the Lincoln highway north to 159th street, is now open as far north as 149th street. A detour has been built east for three blocks on 149th street to Hamlin avenue, then north two blocks to Hamlin avenue to 147th street. Crawford avenue was closed December 23rd, from 147th street to a point where Rexford road intersects with Crawford Ave. Traffic will be detoured west on 147th street to Cicero avenue, north on Cicero avenue to the Midlothian Turnpike road, then northeast on the Midlothian Turnpike road to the Rexford road, which is an extension of Crawford avenue. Thru traffic going south on Rexford road is detoured southwest on the Midlothian Turnpike road to Cicero avenue, then over the same detour as above mentioned. Barricades and proper detour signs have been erected for the guidance of the traveling public.

Tinley M. E.

Stages Elaborate Xmas Program

The English Methodist church of Tinley Park Christmas entertainment held last Friday night at the Community hall was a lovely affair. All who saw and heard it say they never have seen anything in the town more beautiful. The decorations by Mr. H. W. Wyman in the Christmas colors made the hall most attractive and an appropriate setting for the pageant describing the birth of Christ. The shepherds watching their flocks were Ben Yunker, Tony Hirsch and Earl DuVol. The wise men who brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrah were Rev. Chaney, Dr. C. Scheer and Arthur DuVol. The angels were Eleanor DuVol, Ruth Funk and Grace Rick; Joseph was represented by Horace Ragg; Mary by Gladys DuVol. Vocal music was furnished by Miss Etna Jochum.

Mrs. H. W. Wyman is grateful to those who worked so faithfully for the success of the program.

TWO HOLIDAYS IN WEEK

Another double header of holidays is coming. As New Year's comes on Sunday, Monday will also be celebrated and the same schedule as on Christmas will be followed.

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Frank Mahaffy

Palos, Master B. I. Masons

Frank Mahaffy of Palos Park was installed as master of Calumet Lodge No. 716 A. F. & A. M., at the Masonic Temple in Blue Island on Wednesday night. Rudolph J. Hug, of Tinley Park, grand lecturer was the installing officer. The ceremony of installation was impressive. Another Tinley Parker figured prominently in the ceremony, he being Mr. DoVal who has held the chair of master the past year and is now past master. He was presented with a beautiful watch by the lodge members. Mr. Mahaffy, the newly installed master of this lodge was presented with a gift of a \$10 gold piece by Englewood friends. At the close of the installation ceremony, an entertainment program was put on under the direction of Chic Perkins King of Palos Park.

At the close of the program the rest of the evening was given over to dancing in the Masonic ball room.

The officers installed were:
Frank C. Mahaffay Master
Geo. V. Hermanson, Senior Warden
Jas. A. McGovern, Junior Warden
Daniel W. Longacre Treasurer
Fred S. Wirts, Secretary
Rudolph J. Hug, Chaplain
Rudolph O. Palmer, Senior Deacon
Emil B. Dahl, Junior Deacon
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Lester H. Grader, Junior Steward
Emlyn Edwards, Marshall
Samuel T. Bennett Organist
Benjamin F. Huebner Tyler
Wm. T. Edwards, Stereopticon

The installing officers were:
Worshipful Bro. Rudolph J. Hug, Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer, Installing officer; Worshipful Bro. W. T. Edwards, Marshall; Worshipful Bro. E. T. Johnson, Secretary; Worshipful Bro. Edw. W. Reiber, Chaplain; Worshipful Bro. Fred H. Dohrman, Senior Deacon.

They were assisted by Company B, Englewood Commandery, No. 59, as escort. Ushers for the occasion were B. T. Sides, D. E. Kistner, H. W. Dohrman, L. F. Barr, W. H. Ellis and C. G. Mangold.

Entertainment committee: W. J. Munch, chairman; J. S. McCord, B. F. Rolfe, T. E. Harnew, G. H. Powell, F. J. Yunker, J. G. Poorman, A. Lindwhal, C. Belt, F. T. McAuliff, A. S. Newhouse, J. J. Sandberg, J. A. Hertell, A. E. Tyler, L. H. Schelhaus, C. Reed, W. W. Trier, B. C. Pronger, J. A. Rudolph, H. Fordtran, F. C. Doring.

Many invited guests and members were present. Among those seen from New Lenox were Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Lockwood; from Mokena Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Semmler; from Tinley Park Rev. C. J. Chaney, Henry Bettenhausen, and others; from Palos Park Mr. and Mrs. Walter Munch, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Powell and others; from Orland Park, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Powell, Wm. T. Beagley and others.

John Scheer

Age 71, Dies

John Scheer, aged 71 years who has been a resident of New Lenox township for many years, died at his home Tuesday following a lingering illness.

He is survived by his wife, two sons Raymond and Clarence, three daughters, Sarah, Esther and Matilda, three brothers, Conrad, William and Valentine, all of Tinley Park, one sister Miss Minnie Scheer of Mokena.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon from the late home to St. Peter's Evangelical church at Frankfort, Rev. Gerhold officiating. Burial in Pleasant Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Wm. Tilsey

Dies In Hospital

Mrs. Wm. Tilsey of Homer Township, aged 58 years, died at the Silver Cross hospital, Joliet December 23rd. She is survived by her husband, Wm. Tilsey, two daughters, Julia and Edna, two sons John and Harold, a brother William Rapt and two sisters, Mrs. Tina Marti and Mrs. Helen Marti. Funeral services were held at the home Monday with Rev. Paul T. Sanders of the Orland M. E. church officiating. Burial in Brooke Cemetery.

New Year Service

At Mokena M. E.

Rev. Glen T. Beatty pastor of the Mokena M. E. church who has been attending a convention of the Oxford Fellowship Club at Detroit, will be back the week end. The regular Sunday evening service will be held this Sunday and will be devoted to a New Year service and sermon.

"The New Year"

By Rev. J. L. Chaney, Pastor Tinley Park M. E. Church

The old year 1927 is drawing rapidly to a close and will soon have written itself into history.

Many of us have not done so well perhaps as we think we should have done, we started out in the beginning of the year with an ambition to achieve great success, but we have been hindered, being held within the common limitations of life, by those influences which determine just how far reaching our success may be.

The beginning of the New Year is the time when we look forward with new hope and keen interests. The year 1928 should be more prosperous, because we may profit by the failures which we have made during the old year.

Life is a series of efforts based upon the method of trial and error. We come into life without experience. Our first acts come as a result of imitating those who are our seniors. Thus the process is continued until we develop an individuality of our own and learn to rely upon our own powers and resources.

The development of those powers does not come to us in a few months or years, but is the result of a life

long process of skill, toil, and sacrifices and often times the zenith of success is not reached until in the later period in life.

The year 1927 is only one of those factors which "Father Time" has given us to use wisely in developing those powers which should be rich in experience and far reaching in influence.

If we have been somewhat disappointed during the year which is just closing and feel that our achievement has not been what we desired we should remember that the future is still before us, and that every year brings to us new opportunities. It has been said that "It does not matter where we are today, but it is where we will be twenty years from now that counts".

During the coming new year, we should keep constantly before us the good of our ambition and all of our efforts should be concentrated in such a way, that we may if possible reach our desired objective.

One of the greatest men of all time said: "This one thing I do, forgetting the past I press toward the mark."

Frankfort Hall

To Be Sold

The Frankfort Hall Company Hall, an old landmark of Frankfort is about to pass on. The Hall Company will sell the entire property as well as furnishings on sealed bids which will be received to 6 p. m. January 12th. The Hall Company reserves the right to reject any bids. The hall was at one time used by the Woodmen and was known as the Woodmen Hall.

Many Attend New

Lenox M. E.

Pageant

The young people of the New Lenox M. E. church put on a beautiful pageant Sunday night entitled "God With Us." All who took part did fine. The music and singing was much enjoyed by the large congregation which filled the church auditorium. The colored lighting effects added to the attractiveness of the pageant which depicted the Biblical story of the Nativity of the Savior.

Two Russian

Boys Arrive

In Orland

There is one family in Orland Park that has been made truly happy this Christmas and that is the Adolph Zerbis family for about two weeks ago the two young sons of Mr. Zerbis arrived here from Russia. They had a very interesting trip. It took 52 days to make the trip to Orland Park from their old home in Russia. While not being able to speak in English, they can speak German fluently so they can get along all right in their new home as German is spoken in this section.

Both father and sons were very happy this Christmas to be together. The weather was no colder than here when they left Russia.

85 CHILDREN IN XMAS

PROGRAM AT TINLEY

The Zion Lutheran church put on an excellent Christmas program on Christmas eve in which 85 children took part. The program was much enjoyed as also was the special music and singing.

Tinley Park Has

Wolf Hunt

Monday afternoon the cry of "Wolf, Wolf" was heard in the village when some excited Tinley autoists reported that a big wolf had been seen crossing the highway in front of their car south of Tinley. The wolf was so big they said that they were afraid to hit him for fear they might break their car.

Tinley's valiant hunter, Wm. F. Koehler got busy at once and formed a company of 20 hunters and after hastily arming they jumped in their cars and rushed on the trail of Mr. Wolf. Chief Smith also assisted in directing the hunt, being experienced in hunting down criminals.

Arriving on the scene a reconnoitering party was sent out and reported Mr. Wolf was seen heading toward Frankfort. The hunt began. Mr. Koehler was in the lead and at one time during the hunt he shot the tail of the wolf and made a grab but only seized a bunch of corn stalks. Merrily the chase continued on over fields, thru woodland and on to the Dan Hunter farm and yet Mr. Wolf was in the lead and going strong. The next report by the scouting party was that the wolf was seen near the old cheese factory on the Frankfort road and that as he disappeared in the timberland he turned about and facing his pursuers said "A Happy New Year boys and better luck next time."

And the company of 20 valiant hunters returned to regale their fellow citizens with a story of the exciting wolf hunt. J. C. Andres, the genial cashier of the Bremen State Bank does not take much stock in the wolf story and says that what was supposed to be a wolf was only a big black dog!!!

Mrs. Anna Welter

Dies In Chicago

Mrs. Anna Welter nee Weiler, 78 years old, and a lifelong resident of Homer township, died Christmas evening, December 25th at the home of her daughter Kate in Chicago.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning from the St. Michael's church at Orland Park with burial in St. Michael's cemetery, Father Wm. Gorey officiating.

Geo. Stauffenberg,

68, Dies in Joliet

George Stauffenberg aged 68 years, died Thursday morning of this week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Mackey. He is survived by his widow, 3 sons John, Frank and Louis, 2 daughters Esther and Emma. Funeral services Saturday afternoon at the Lutheran church in Manhattan. The deceased was a resident of Manhattan township. He had been ill for two months.

Continues Sale

The big sale of dry goods at the former Hatch hall in Mokena will be resumed Tuesday January 3rd and will continue every day until sold. Read adv. in this issue for further particulars.

Tinley Park

Community Xmas Big Success

The first Community Christmas which Tinley Park has ever celebrated was celebrated last Thursday night and a very large crowd of people attended the open air program. The program was under the auspices of the Tinley Park Garden Club, which by the way is also a new organization which also sprang into being the past year and which is now one of the live institutions of the town.

The program was held in the open near the Community Christmas tree and was a very enjoyable affair. The Rev. J. L. Chaney of the Tinley Park M. E. presented the program which had been arranged by Mrs. J. Swisher.

The sweet voices of the children floating out in the night air as they sang "Silent Night Holy Night", created a deep feeling of reverence among the large company. Santa Claus was amusing. He dealt out candy and pop corn balls.

The lighted tree was a thing of beauty with the brilliant star illuminating the pinnacle, which was the work of Mr. E. Anderson. The tree decorations was the work of Mrs. Wm. Funk, Minnie Mager and Catherine Fulton. This first community Christmas celebration made a profound impression and will be carried out each year hereafter it is planned. Much credit and praise is due all those who put the celebration over in such fine shape.

The tree has remained lit day and night and will continue so until New Year.

Public Service

To Hold Cooking

School at Tinley

The Public Service Company of Northern Illinois will hold a cooking demonstration at the Tinley Park Community hall, Friday January 6th from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. under the auspices of the Tinley Park Parent-Teachers Association. Interesting talks will be given by members of the Public Service Home Service Department and many new recipes will be prepared and served. The ladies of this section are cordially invited to be present.

Tinley Pk. Firemen

To Give Masq.

The next big event in Tinley Park is the annual prize masquerade to be given by the Tinley Park Volunteer Fire Department on January 14 at the Saenger hall, Tinley Park. A lot of valuable and useful prizes will be awarded. Watch this paper for more particulars next issue. The Volunteer Fire Dept. only has a small amount to raise yet to pay off the indebtedness still due on the fire truck. Let us help them to pay it off by giving them a big boost at masquerade. Tell your friends and come!

---a prosperous one.

A New Year teeming with
Good Health and Good Fortune.

This is our wish to all our
readers.

The News-Bulletin



A New Year
Wish

May you be blessed with your full
share of the abounding Joy and
Happiness this New Year has in
store for us all.

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IDLE ISLAND

By ETHEL HUESTON

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STORY FROM THE START

On the verge of nervous collapse, due to overwork, Gay Deane, successful New York artist, seeks rest at Idle Island. She rents a cottage, the "Lone Pine," from an island character, the "Captain," and his sister, Alice Andover, "administrator." Gay finds the cottage is tenanted by an elderly lady, "Auntalmiry," who consents to move to another abode, the "Apple Tree." Awakening from sleep, Gay finds she sees the face of a Chinaman peering in the window. She settles down in her new home, anticipating months of well-earned rest and recuperation. On an exploration of the island Gay, standing on the seashore, is horrified by the appearance of the drifting body of a drowned man, which she nerves herself to bring to the shore. A bullet wound in the temple shows the man to have been murdered. Gay makes her way to the "Captain" with the story. Returning with him to the shore, they find no body there, and Gay's story of the incident is set down to an attack of "nerves."

CHAPTER IV—Continued

"Is this the quiet good little place they brag about?" she asked herself. "Where they come and—steal dead bodies—from under your very eyes?" Both tears and laughter came at the whimsical notion. But in spite of her attempt to be facetious and unconcerned, she was highly nervous and quite unstrung. A sudden clear call, "Hallo there," from behind, startled her into a frightened scream and she sprang to her feet. Quite beyond power of reason as she was, the call had seemed to come from the valley of death.

Glancing up, she saw on the piazza of the Little Club a man who leaned out over the railing and beckoned to her. He was a stranger, she knew at once, one of the summer people, no native son.

"I beg your pardon," he called pleasantly, "but will you kindly show me the way down? I cannot find the path."

"There is no path. There is no way down."

"But—I beg your pardon—you are down, are you not?"

Gay smiled up at him. "Yes, but I slid right down those steep rocks, and it is hard sliding, I assure you. I am coming up. I will show you the way through the woods and the lane will lead you direct to the landing. I can show that way. Wait for me."

He crossed from the piazza to the top of the rocky cliff and waited to assist her, descending with difficulty a few steps to give her a hand when she had gained that height.

"Nice little shack," he said, tapping the corner of the Little Club as they passed. "Were you sketching it?"

"No, I was sketching—Oh, listen!" Gay stopped short, and turned toward him eagerly. A sudden longing for sympathy, for understanding, the reaction of one of her own kind in her emotional strain, overwhelmed her.

In a torrent of words, staring darkly into his interested eyes, Gay told him the whole story; of the body that had come to her on the waves, the wound in the temple, the fine white hands; how she had gone for help, and returned to find it—gone.

"By George, what a story," he said thoughtfully. "I suppose the tide carried it out while you were away."

"Well, you see," she admitted fairly, "the tide really couldn't. I pulled the body above the water line. The tide didn't reach him. That's the strangest thing about it."

He put out his hand, deeply interested, for the sketch, and she showed it eagerly, her eyes still fixed upon his sympathetic face.

"Oh, by George, that is fine work," he said warmly. "What a hand! What a face!—oh, nonsense, you could never make up such a figure, of course you saw it. What are you going to do with this?"

"I shall send it to the police department, I think. That boy belongs to somebody. Perhaps the police can trace him. Perhaps it will relieve some anxious hearts—though a sad relief it will be."

They walked on together, slowly, the stranger still carrying the sketch, glancing at it often with interested wondering eyes.

"Don't you rather hate to get mixed up in such an affair? There will be an inquest—at least an inquiry, and you will be called as a witness and—"

"Oh, there will be no trouble about it. It is obviously suicide."

"It is obviously murder," he corrected gently. "The poor chap might have shot himself, or might have drowned himself. Not both."

Gay stopped suddenly, shivering again. "True," she said faintly. "I know it. I tried so hard not even to think of murder."

Her face was white.

"I wish you would give this to me," he said persuasively. "Or sell it to me, rather, for I can see that your pencil is your profession. I should be glad to buy it. I can make a ripping story of it. I am in newspaper work, and I can do wonders with this. I will have it photographed. If you like, and send a copy to the police."

Gay reached out, quickly, and took the pad. "I cannot do that," she said firmly. "I feel responsible for the thing I feel as though I were led

down that hard and painful path on purpose to receive it—the poor body—swept to my very feet. It seems to make me—his avenger, don't you see? I dare say you think me very childish, but I feel that this has been sent straight to me, and I cannot evade it. I am sorry. But I must do it myself."

Suddenly they had cleared the forest and stood on the brow of the hill. The Lone Pine was directly at hand.

"This is my cottage," she said. "Just cross right down the slope to the lane and follow it down to the pier. I am sorry about the drawing, but you see how it is."

"Oh, you are quite right, of course. It has been very fascinating—meeting you like this. I wish there was some place we could go for tea—"

"There is a place. There are lots of places. The island is full of tea. But I shan't go, thanks. Marching off to tea with a Perfect Stranger in the Good Little Island would be even more damning than the discovery of a nonexistent corpse. Even worse, I think, than living alone, which seems the very height of depravity here. It



Descending a Few Steps to Give Her a Hand.

a'n't accordin' to natur'—It makes women queer. They think that's what is wrong with me, living alone."

"What do they advise? An orphan for adoption, or a husband for attachment?"

"Heaven knows. But anyhow I shouldn't live alone." She laughed pleasantly. "Good-by. I say it with sorrow, for you seem almost one of my own."

He held out his hand, and Gay dropped hers in it.

"Good-by. The best of luck to you. For myself I wish no better luck than the joy of seeing you again."

"Now, now," she reproved him, smiling. "Don't flatter. Consider the stately pines, the rugged coast and the surging surf. Flattery doesn't go with the Good Little Island."

"It doesn't go with you, either. I assure you I mean every word of it. Come soon, good luck. Good-by."

Gay walked toward the Lone Pine smiling. He was pleasant. It had been nice, the momentary contact with one of her own kind. But the smiles died on her lips as she turned the door of the Lone Pine. The house seemed still, big, empty. Very still.

The stillness was like death. Gay thought of the sea-washed body with pale gleaming hands flung out beneath the waves, and shuddered. She did not look at the drawing on the first page of her sketch book, but thrust the pad quickly into the drawer of the desk and closed it tight.

She grew increasingly ill at ease as dusk descended, and on a sudden impulse, at last went out, quickly, ran

down the hill and called to Auntalmiry.

"Won't you keep a poor timid nervous old maid all night?" she asked pleadingly. "I don't want to stay alone. I've got the—you know—heehee jeebees! My house is haunted. I'm afraid of ghosts, and things. Do you think it was just a ghost, Auntalmiry?"

Auntalmiry gave her a cozy chair and made her a cup of tea. That was Auntalmiry's unfailing resource in case of nerves.

"Now drink your tea, dearie, and don't say a word about it. We'll have a nice cozy evening, just like a party."

She was evidently determined to soothe Gay, determined to humor her, keep her quiet. She petted her, talked pleasantly of inane and pleasant things.

When at last they made ready to retire for the night, she said Gay should have the solitary bed, and she herself would sleep on the couch.

"She's afraid of me, I do believe," Gay thought to herself. "She wants the room between us, in case I turn violent." Her lips twitched with amusement at the thought as she crept between the white covers.

Auntalmiry turned out the lights, and went about the room from window to window raising the blinds. When she came to the window that showed the Lone Pine at the top of the hill she gave a sudden little exclamation.

"Did you leave a light on?" she asked.

"No!" With a bound Gay was out of bed and at her side by the window, both staring up the hill at the cottage. From the wide window of the living room there showed a round circle of misty light, pale, wavering and uncertain, but a light.

"It's no earthly light," Gay said moodily. "It's a ghost. I tell you, Auntalmiry, the spirits are abroad this night. Say what you like, queer things are going on. I feel it. I am all creepy, and—oh, look! Oh, it is the hand! Ch!"

Her voice sank away breathlessly. Watching, suddenly outlined in the misty orb of light had been the reflection of a hand, reaching out, slim, shadowy and ghastly.

"Oh," Gay murmured sickly, "oh, it is the hand! Ch!"

Auntalmiry was shaken. Her arm beneath Gay's hand trembled. But she was firm. She did not believe in ghosts.

"I saw it," she said weakly. "It was just the reflection of a leaf, or a spray of twigs, moving in the wind. Look, it is gone. There is no light, there is no hand. It was the light from a boat reflecting against the leaves. Just a reflection, dearie. They often fool me."

"Have it your own way," Gay said moodily. "Call it a leaf if you like. I call it a hand, his hand."

"I think—maybe—I will sleep with you," Auntalmiry said faintly.

Gay laughed then, and squeezed the little figure gayly as she clambered into bed beside her.

"You'd rather take a chance on me turning violent, than be by yourself when the spirits walk, wouldn't you?" she teased.

"You shouldn't say such things. 'Tisn't reverent."

They arose early, and after a quiet breakfast Gay kissed Auntalmiry, thanked her and set out for home. Auntalmiry offered to go with her, but she refused, bravely smiling.

"Oh, no. I am not afraid now it is daylight. Spirits are all nicely back in their snug little graves again."

She went up to the cottage, unlocked the door and entered the room. Over it lay the quiet little hush that broods in an empty house. But she was not afraid. Even when she saw that the window shades in the living room were lowered to the bottom, she was not afraid.

"I didn't pull them down," she said aloud, "because I went out before dark. Oh, well! Perhaps I did it

from habit, without thinking. Heaven knows I had other things on my mind."

She sat down at once to her desk. It was her plan to go to the city on the first boat, to relieve herself of all responsibility in the matter. And then, suddenly, she decided that she would not go at all, but write instead. She would describe the entire incident to the last detail, enclose her sketch, and that would be an end of it. She reached into the drawer and pulled out paper, envelopes and her sketching pad. To measure for the size of envelope, she opened the pad to remove the drawing. The page that met her eyes was virginal and white, no pencil line to mar its purity. Gay turned the pad about in her hand, studying it slowly, and then she turned every page, one after the other, and examined every one.

The page had been neatly extracted from the book, and her penciled sketch of the scene in the cove was not there.

Its disappearance settled the affair of the Little Club cove as far as Gay was concerned. With nothing to substantiate her seemingly wild story, she felt the less said of it the better. Gay knew, however, that she was the subject of endless discussion, endless neighborhood wit, in her absence, and for a few days she confined herself as largely as possible to the seclusion of her cottage.

One afternoon, perhaps a week after her discovery and betrayal in the cove, tiring suddenly of her work, she shoved the easel into the corner and decided to clean house. Hastily she bundled her slim knickered figure into a great bungalow apron that made a fat and stodgy housewife of her, twisted a bright sash scarf turbanwise about her small head and fell to work. She dusted, she swept, she rearranged. With brush and pan in hand, she was, on her knees at the fireplace, coughing distastefully with the dust of ashes as she cleared out the cinders of last night's driftwood, when suddenly a hand slipped beneath her chin from behind, tilting her head backward, while two firm lips pressed down on hers from above, pressed firmly, warmly, for one long breathless moment.

And then a tremendous, electrifying silence. Gay dropped pan and brush among the ashes and stood up, very tall, very businesslike even with the huge apron bulkily enveloping her, deeply outraged. The man who stood before her, in a silence as great, an amazement as profound as her own, was one she had never seen before, nor seen his like before. She knew at once. Travel-worn boots he wore, travel-worn knickers. Bareheaded, his blond hair, a little tousled, showed sunburn. But in that first glance it was really his eyes she saw, eyes dark and gray, with little mocking glints that shone through his amazement, gray eyes beneath black lashes, thick and long, that curled upward, veiling the gray with black.

Amusement soon supplanted the astonishment in his face, amusement and interest. His sang froid was perfect.

"Pleased to meet you," he said, with a mockingly deferential inclination of the bare and sunburned head.

"So it seems," Gay's voice and eyes were frigid.

"Who art thou, pretty maiden, and where, may one inquire, is the revered and venerable Auntalmiry who one time made this hut her home?" There was laughter at his eyes now, the gayer for her coldness.

"Oh, you wish to see Auntalmiry," she said still with some stiffness, self-consciously, though melting surely beneath the warmth of the gray eyes. "She lives in the Apple Tree now. I live here. Will you sit down?" she asked very formally, and took off the great bungalow apron.

The daring gray eyes explored the revelation of her, slim and straight in the stout shoes, the smart knickers, and the silken blouse; came to rest, contentedly, on the sleek, dark, rosy little head.

"You don't live alone, do you?" he asked with interest.

"Yes, I do." Gay's voice was curt with the defiance she felt in defense of her lone estate. "I live alone, and I like it, and I am not afraid. I know it makes women folks queer, and it's not accordin' to natur', but I do, and if it suits me, there's an end of it."

"My esteemed female relatives wished me to sit and hear the report of the island," he said thoughtfully. "and I put them off. I should have waited. I fancy they had news of vast import."

"Yes, they did. And most of it is about me. I know who you are," she said, smilingly. "You are Rand. Are you not?" Her smile was very warm indeed in joy of her discovery.

He shivered slightly, covered the dark eyes with his hand. "Danger. My prophetic sense says danger," he whispered.

"Every one has been saying, 'When Rand comes home, and now you have come. The boys wanted the old pier to make a float for swimming, and the island wouldn't give it to them, and they said, 'When Rand comes home, he'll dynamite it, and we'll salvage the remains.' And when the summer people wanted to tear down the old fishing shack to make a place to launch their boats, the natives frowned upon them, but everybody said to everybody else, 'Wait! Rand comes, he'll burn it down.'"

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Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for January 1

JOHN THE BAPTIST AND JESUS

LESSON TEXT—Mark 1:1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT—He must increase, but I must decrease.

PRIMARY TOPIC—John Tells About Jesus.

JUNIOR TOPIC—John Welcomes and Baptizes Jesus.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—John Prepares the Way for Jesus.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—John Heralds the Mighty One.

In order to understand the lessons for the first six months of the year it is necessary to grasp the central purpose of the Gospel according to Mark. In the Old Testament is set forth an august portrait of Jesus Christ. He is the Branch, the King (Jer. 23:5); the Branch, the Servant (Zech. 3:8); the Branch, the Man (Zech. 6:12); the Branch of the Lord (Isa. 4:2).

The fourfold account in the New Testament called the Gospels, placed alongside of the Old Testament predictions, fits exactly. Matthew presents Him as the King; Mark, the Servant of the Lord; Luke as the Kinsman Redeemer and John as the Son of God. The theme of Mark is the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God (ch. 1:1). The word gospel means "good news." Jesus means "Savior."

Christ means "Anointed." It is good news therefore because it is the good tidings that God has anointed Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world. The key verse is Mark 10:45, "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many." The key words are, "straightway," "forthwith," "immediately."

I. Who is Jesus Christ (1:1)? He is none other than God's Beloved Son.

II. The Forerunner of Jesus Christ (vv. 2-8).

1. Who he was (vv. 2,3). He was John, the Baptist, who was prophesied of more than five hundred years before (Isa. 40:3).

His mission was to prepare the way for Christ's coming. He represented himself as but a voice of one crying in the wilderness. He was therefore God's voice sounding forth the divine will and purpose. He was content to be but a voice.

2. John's message (vv. 3-8). (1). Prepare ye the way of the Lord (v. 3).

It was customary for servants to go before distinguished personages and prepare the road over which they were to travel. In this preparation there was to be removal of stones, the leveling of the surface, etc. John's message meant therefore that the people should remove from their hearts everything which hindered the coming of the Lord.

(2) The baptism of repentance (v. 4).

In preparation for the coming Christ the people were to repent of their sins. Those who repented were to be baptized. Baptism was to be administered to those who repented as an expression of penitence which led to forgiveness of sin.

(3) The coming of the Messiah (vv. 7, 8).

The coming one was to be much greater than himself; so great that John was unworthy to loose the latch of His shoes. The superior dignity of Christ was not only in His person but in the work He was to perform.

3. His success (v. 5).

People from all over Judea and Jerusalem went out and were baptized. His food and dress indicated that he had withdrawn from the world as a protest against its follies and sins.

III. The Baptism of Jesus Christ (vv. 9-11).

Jesus was not baptized because He had sinned and therefore needed repentance, but because He was now about to constitute the basis of all righteousness. He was now dedicating Himself to the task of bringing in righteousness through His sacrificial death.

(1) The opened heavens. This indicated His connection with heaven.

(2) The descent of the Spirit upon Him. This gave the divine seal to His work.

(3) The voice of approval from heaven. This made clear to John the fact that Jesus was the Messiah.

IV. Jesus Christ Tempted by Satan (vv. 12,13).

This took place immediately after the heavenly recognition. This testing was to demonstrate the reality of the incarnation. Because of this demonstration believers can be assured that the Son of God has become incorporated with humanity for the purpose of its salvation.

From Beginning to End

But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven; a land which the Lord thy God careth for; the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.—Deut. 11:11-12.

From God's Hand

Whatever comes from God's Land bears good fruit.—Fenelon.

Howe About— By ED HOWE

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Probably you have observed that all the great poets have devoted their talent to fancy; I cannot recall one who devoted many lines to the commoner and more important things of life.

Shakespeare, who shines among them as the sun shines among candles, was a toady and crawled humbly before royalty. He had no appreciation of ordinary affairs, or of their prime importance. He hated the common people, although he belonged with them by birth. He exploited kings, courts, battles, intrigues, faibles, assignation and assassination.

Such justice as we have was accomplished by common men with pikes, and not pens, in their hands.

Lately we have a literature of business, and modern literary men revile it. One of them in England has just made a great fuss because other than trained literary men are permitted to write for print.

I have often thought many of the wise men of antiquity, whom we are expected to venerate, really had little sense. One of them said there is no degree in virtue: that one is either a good man or a rogue. Certainly a foolish statement. Everyone is somewhat tigerish, and his success in life depends on the per cent he attains in becoming a tame animal.

How general the craze for newspaper notoriety! Recently a duel was fought in Italy. The principals were men of note, and, on the dueling ground, actually posed for newspaper pictures! Probably the entire encounter will shortly appear in moving pictures.

A good deal of fun is made of "Main street men." I confess I like them. Thousands of them as smart and agreeable as Sinclair Lewis, their principal critic. . . . And far more useful. All the best people come out of the trials, tribulations and experiences of Main street.

Get all you can out of life with good health, good conduct, and good work. But when a laugh isn't due, don't laugh. I knew a man once who lost an important promotion because he was too much devoted to sunshine on cloudy days. Don't be merry when other things are clearly indicated.

The women often say men specially admire the adventurous type. There is nothing in it. Occasionally an adventurous hunk of a man, but the man's a fool. Ninety-seven brides out of every hundred are good women.

Laws protecting women are sometimes queer things. A widow of forty, with three children to support, was getting \$10 a week as a restaurant waitress. She was reliable and capable, and was offered the position of night cashier at \$20 a week. The law forced her to quit the easier and more respectable position; it was a woman reformer in the pay of the state who forced the cashier to return to the dining room, and work harder for one-half the pay.

"Any man who will marry a second wife," says a noted cynic, "does not deserve to lose his first one."

Natural women are so admirable, useful, agreeable, that many a man willing to give a million dollars for one is afraid to risk it, in these days of flappers and suffragettes.

Mussolini, the Italian ruler, is a very remarkable man, without much doubt. He was a common man of the people many years, until discovered. And he discovered himself; the politicians had nothing to do with it.

How many other geniuses are there in Italy? A good many, I am sure. There are thousands and thousands and thousands of geniuses among the common people who never get a chance in a big way. I greatly respect my audience, there are so many smart people in it. Every bunch of a thousand is liable to contain a Lincoln or a Franklin. Greatness is really very common; opportunity to display it in public affairs, very rare. Look at the geniuses in business! Many of these men would make great rulers.

Occasionally I engage in a reading drunk, and do nothing for days but read, read, read; books, magazines, pamphlets, newspapers. And how difficult it is to find anything worth while! And I criticize the best I am able to find! . . . As sure as you live, teachers, publishers and book agents of the various kinds, have made too much of libraries.

A man with the better job is usually a better man than the man below him. You never in your life saw a Pullman conductor who ranked with the train conductor who receives twice as much pay.

If the women find skirts objectionable, why do they not wear pantaloons as men do? Why should they expose their legs to gaze and weather?

We are always hearing of the wolf at the door. When he gets in there has been a good deal of negligence in barring the door.

Sensuality Made No Appeal to Epicurus

If Epicurus could return to earthly life today he would be somewhat surprised to hear his name as an adjective applied to persons and things sensual. Impartial history represents the habits of this Athenian philosopher and his followers as exceedingly frugal and temperate.

The members of his communal school of "Epicureanism" were mostly poor, but being greatly attached to one another, they, in times of scarcity, contributed to each other's support.

Epicurus himself began his philosophical career when he was thirteen years old. At that time, upon hearing a verse of Hesiod wherein all things are said to come from Chaos, he asked: "And whence came Chaos?" His teachers referred him to philosophy and to philosophy he did apply.

He sought instruction from many masters, but none could give the youth any solid conviction. He thus founded his own school of thinking and tried to teach the world by precept that they who live simply have no fear of poverty and are better able to enjoy the pleasures of life. He was the first

to make philosophy a basis of morals, yet, ironically enough, his fame is the perversion of one of a sensualist.—Kansas City Star.

Flowers at Weddings

It is impossible to state when flowers were first used at a wedding, since this is a very ancient custom. Orange blossoms were worn and carried by brides from the earliest times, as they portend luck and happiness. Spencer and Milton were of the opinion that the orange was the golden apple presented to Jupiter by Juno on her wedding day. It was customary for the Anglo-Saxon bride to give her friends small knots and ribbons to wear or carry on the wedding day. This custom still survives in the bouquets of the bridesmaids.

Noteworthy Immigrant

The first Rockefeller, John Peter, emigrated to America from Germany in 1723.

Many a man puts his best foot forward only to have his corns trod on.

135 Weeks in 1928!



By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

Drawing by Ray Walters.

REAL that title and you will exclaim: "135 weeks in 1928? Impossible! Why, there are only 52 weeks in any year!" It isn't impossible at all. In fact, there may be even more "weeks" than that during the new year. For it was only recently that a nationally-known trade magazine printed an article under the head of "EVERY YEAR NOW HAS 135 WEEKS, THANKS TO ADVERTISING MEN—Like Eliza Crossing the Ice, American Public Leaps From Bread and Milk Week to Prune Week, Across Linoleum Week and Into Prayer Week."

The article dealt with the investigations made by Guy E. Marion, manager of the research department of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, in regard to the number of "weeks" that advertisers in our newspapers and magazines have succeeded in having set aside for special observance to "capture the interest of the public." In making up the list of these weeks, he was assisted by John Cotton Dana of the New Jersey Public Library, the United States Chamber of Commerce, the bureau of business standards of the Shaw Publications, the Chicago Daily News and the New York Times. When he had finished his labors he discovered that the 52 weeks in the year had been stretched in 135 "weeks!"

If you doubt that there may be other "weeks" added to the list that Mr. Marion has compiled, talk to the governor of any one of our 48 states and learn from him how often he is beseeched by some "day namer" or "week designator" for him to indorse this, that or the other "day" or "week." It may be that his approval for "Eat More Pecans Week" or "Stop Begging Rides Week" or "Wash Your Windows Week" is sought. Or, if the applicant thinks that he can have his cause sufficiently advertised without devoting a whole week to it, he asks merely for indorsement of an "Apricot Day" or "Play With the Children More Day," or "Stepmother's Day."

One eastern governor receives thousands of such letters during the course of the year. They say something like this: "Dear Governor: We are going to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the Anti-Hog Thief association here next month and because it is such an important occasion in the history of our state, we would appreciate it very much if you would write a letter giving your

approval of the state-wide observance of Anti-Hog Thief Day," etc. Or it may be put up to him in some such fashion as this: "Your Excellency: We believe that the people of this country and our state in particular should be made conscious of the value of brushing their overcoats and shining their shoes every morning before going to work, and we would be very grateful to you if you would indorse this movement in your characteristic style, thus helping us establish the precedent of an annual observance of Take Greater Pains With Your Personal Appearance Week," etc. Exaggerations? Perhaps, but these are no more ridiculous than some of the requests which governors and other persons in authority receive for approval of this, that or the other movement.

This does not mean, of course, that all of the special observances of "days" and "weeks" are in the same category and that many of them are not held in worthy causes. But the fact remains that our calendar is becoming much cluttered up with so many "days" and "weeks" that if the average American took time to "observe" all of them he would have time for little else. Here is the list that Mr. Marion compiled which shows why there will be 135 weeks in 1928, and if some of the "day namers" and "week designators" have their way about it that number may be greatly augmented by the time New Year's day, 1929, rolls around. Listed chronologically, the "weeks" follow:

January—National Thrift week.
February—Boy Scouts' week; National Drama week; Truth week.
March—None.
April—American Forest week; Better American Speech week; Better Homes week; National Boys' week; Health Promotion week; Reindeer week; National Negro Health week; National Garden week.
May—Clean Up week; Girls' week; International Boys' week; National Music week.
June—Chamber of Commerce week.
July—None.
August—None.
September—Constitution week.
October—Girl Scout week; Management week; National Fire Prevention week; National Apple week; National Picture week; Pharmacy week.
November—Better Speech week; Book week; American Education week; Canned Foods week; Children's Book week; Father and Son week; War on T. B. at Christmas Time week.
December—None.
Here are some others with no special designation as to the month in which they are to be "observed":

Achievement week; American Indian week;

American Legion week; Art week; Art-Poster week; Apple Growers' "Have Another" week (New York state).

B
Baseball week; Better Home Lighting week; Better Mailing week; Bundles for Near East week; Better Farm Equipment week; Bread and Milk week.

C
Community week; Cancer week; Christmas week; Coin week; Community Chest week; Conservation week; Corn week; Courtesy week; Cranberry week.

D
Dairy week; Dental Hygiene week; Disarmament week.

E
Efficiency week.

F
Find Yourself week; First Aid week; Forest Protection week; Forest Preservation week; Furniture week.

G
Grandma week; Garage week; Good English week; Good Health week; Good roads week; Go to High School week; Go to School by Parents week.

H
Home and Social week; Honesty week; Humane week.

I
Ice week (Ontario); International Peach week.

K
Know Your City week.

L
Law Enforcement week; Library week; Lighting week; Local Hospital week; Linoleum week.

M
Milk week; Mother and Daughter week.

N
National Bicycle week; National Highway week; National Laundry week; National Managers' Trade week; National Narcotic Education week; National Song week; Nature Study week; Naturalization week; New England Cigar week.

O
Omaha Made Tire week; Orange week; Own Your Home week.

P
Parents' week; Patriotic week; Pay Your Bills week; Pennsylvania week; Physical Education week; Poetry week; Pride in Appearance week; Prune week.

R
Refrigerator week; Red Cross Roll Call week; Rotary week.

S
Safety week; Self-Denial week; School Exhibit week; Safe Investments week.

T
Talk Oakland week (Oakland, Calif.); Temperance week; Thanksgiving week; Tree Planting week.

V
Virginia week; Visual Education week.

W
Washington-Lincoln week; Walk and Be Healthy week; World Court week.

Y
Y. M. C. A. week.



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Strengthening Home Ties

The movies, the motor car and the radio, far from loosening the home ties, tend rather to strengthen them, particularly on the farm. Young people have been more content with farm life since the motor car and the picture show brought amusement and recreation into their lives. The phonograph and the radio make it possible for every home to have music and lectures; every home now has its own amusement parlor.—Capper's Farmer.

Safety on Air Liners

Nine men jumped out of a big airplane in 18 seconds and all landed safely. Air liners will have to carry parachutes for passengers just as ocean liners carry life preservers. It won't be exactly pleasant to jump out of an airship at an altitude of 1,000 feet and trust to get safely to earth, but then, it isn't pleasant to jump off an ocean liner in midocean and trust to a life preserver or a rubber raft to get you safely to shore.—Capper's Weekly.

Miner's Painting Accepted

For the first time in many years a coal miner has had a picture accepted for exhibition by the Doncaster Art society of Doncaster, England. He is Robert Holloway of Rainworth, a colliery village. Holloway has made painting a hobby since he was a baby.

The Insinuating Thing

Elder Sister—And he thinks he is going to be very happy with me.
Younger Sister—My, what a surprise you will give him, my dear.—New Bedford Standard.

Beyond Her Control

Ted—My vacation is over and I leave here tomorrow. How long shall you remain, Miss Long?
Dot—Remain Miss Long? Well, that doesn't depend on me, you know.

Dragging Along

"My dear, I thought the hasty pudding would make dinner early."
"It was retarded by the meat loaf."

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Agreeable

Fat Patient (being put on diet)—Oh, by the way, doctor, I've been in the habit of buying several ice cream cones a day. May I not continue the cones?

Doctor—Yes; but without the ice cream.—Boston Transcript.

All In

"Are the returns all in?" asked the nervous candidate on election night.
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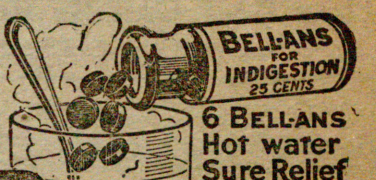
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Depends. "Are you going to build your house of brick?" "Yes—if we can interest any bricklayers."—Kansas City Times.

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At a Party. "Why do you separate the married couples?" "Then they try to be pleasant."

His Accidental End

There are all sorts of ways of putting things, and some sound much better than others. For example, there is the case of the man of whom Lord Coleridge used to tell, whose father was hanged for highway robbery. Some one asked him how his father died. "Sir," said he "he fell from a scaffolding outside Newgate while he was talking to a clergyman."—Youth's Companion.

How It Looks to Others

Determination in a friend may look like bull-headedness in an enemy, and self-respect in a friend may appear as conceit in one not so loved.—Marion (Ala.) County News.

Knowledge Worth While

It is very much better to know a little and believe in it than to know so much that you cannot believe in anything. Knowledge is power only when it is sure of the ground it seeks to occupy.—Grit.

Credit Not Johnson's

When Doctor Johnson's "Rambler" was first published, the sale was decidedly disappointing. In fact the only paper, curious as it may seem in the light of his reputation today, which might be said to have been popular, was No. 97—the only one Doctor Johnson did not write. This paper, says the Market for Exchange, was said to have been written by Samuel Richardson.

Middle Course Best

Some men are gluttons for work; others may be called epicures.—Boston Transcript.

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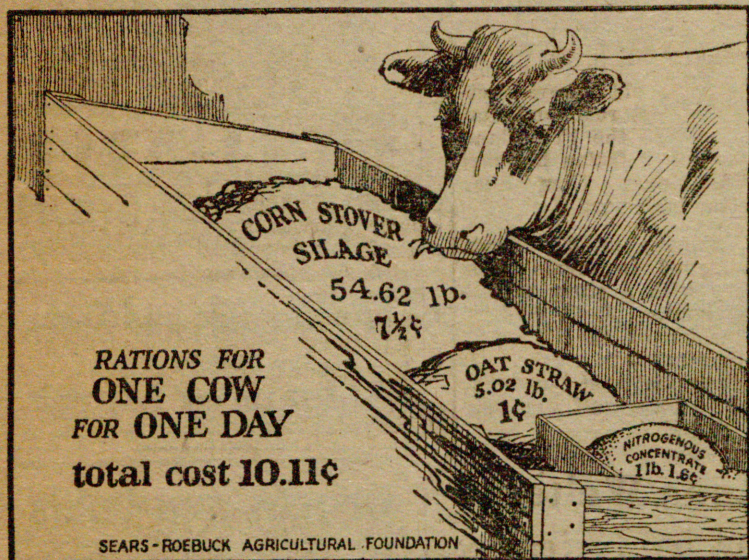
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Bald Mouse Problem

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Meaning of Girl's Names

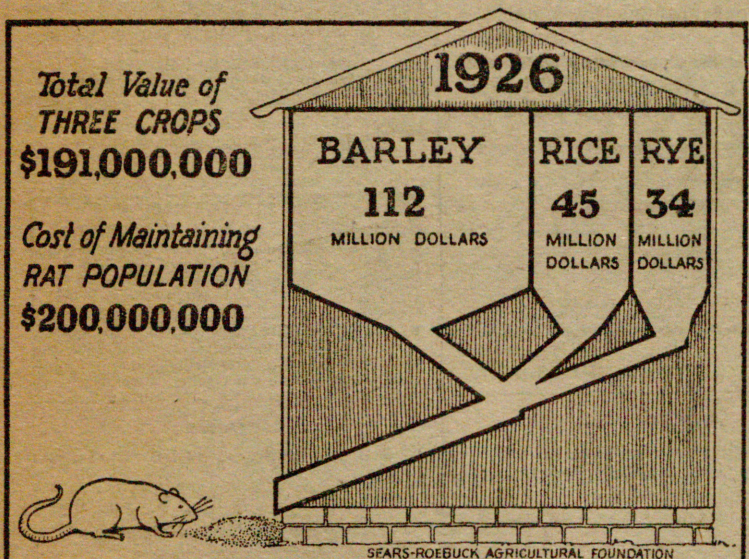
The name Olive is simply that of the pretty tree of the Mediterranean and other warm countries. Dorothy is a name of Greek origin, and means literally "gift of God." Anna comes from Hebrew and Greek sources, and signifies "grace;" while Mildred is from the Anglo-Saxon, the parent of our own language, and means "mild one."

How Beef Can Be Fed for a Dime a Day

BEF breeding cows can be maintained during the winter at low cost almost entirely on the by-products of ordinary crop rotations, the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation points out. By this means, the purchase of feeder cattle at prices which are comparatively high, due to the current shortage of cattle, can be avoided.

Such cows have been carried for a period of 154 days by the Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station on a ration consisting of 54.61 pounds of silage made from corn stover, 5.02 pounds of oat straw and one pound of nitrogenous concentrate. The cost averaged 10.11 cents a day, counting stover silage at \$2.75 a ton, oat straw at \$4 a ton and nitrogenous concentrate such as cottonseed meal at 1.6 cents a pound. The cost of the stover silage was based entirely on the man and horse labor and machine cost of putting the stover into the silo. When nitrogenous concentrate is higher or lower in price, the cost of the ration would be varied accordingly.

The high cost of feeder cattle probably will constitute a serious problem in the next few years, the Foundation states, owing to the decline in the number of beef cattle in the range states which furnish most of the feeder cattle supply, and the decline in market receipts which has resulted. A decided advance in prices of stocker and feeder cattle has occurred already. At Chicago, the average cost to buyers in the fall of 1927 has been about \$8.35 per hundred pounds compared with \$6.95 a year previous and an average cost of \$6.50 during the fall seasons of the last five years. By wintering on the stover silage, straw and nitrogenous concentrate ration and by carrying through the summer on legume pasture, particularly sweet clover, farmers can raise their own feeders at moderate cost. The calves produced should be pushed along as rapidly as possible and marketed as baby beef at twelve to eighteen months of age.

Tremendous Cost of Our Rat Population

THE cost of maintaining the rat population of the United States aggregates \$200,000,000 a year, which is equal to almost two dollars for every man, woman and child in the country. An excellent example of the enormity of this wanton destruction is found in comparing it with the total valuation of some of our principal crops. The barley, rice and rye crop last year was worth \$191,000,000. If the rat population restricted its diet to these three crops, it would consume the entire production and still fall \$9,000,000 short of satisfying its appetite, according to the Sears Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. In addition to this enormous destruction of food, the rat is a carrier of such serious diseases as bubonic plague, rabies, infections, jaundice and sleeping sickness.

Farmers probably bear more than their proportionate share of this expense by harboring them in barns and cribs. The increase in the course of one year from one pair of rats allowed to survive under favorable conditions may easily reach 100, since they will produce from six to ten litters a year, averaging ten young per litter, and the young will breed when four months of age.

Farms can be freed of these pests if proper steps are taken. These include burning the trash which harbors them, raking refuse from under such buildings as corn cribs, piling lumber and other material a foot or more above ground and using effective poisons. Cribs and rat burrows under concrete can be fumigated with calcium cyanide, which can be easily used by any mature person. Red Squill is a newly developed poison which rats will take readily when mixed with foods. It is relatively harmless to other animals as it is distasteful to them and it acts as an emetic when taken by them in harmful quantities.

TINLEY PARK**HOW SOME OF THE TINLEY PARK FOLKS SPENT XMAS**

A memorable day was passed in the form of a family gathering numbering 28 people in the home of Mrs. P. F. Spindler in Blue Island, a sister of Mrs. J. Swisher. Mrs. Nae-hring, mother of Mrs. Swisher, who has been very sick was able to be there in the midst of her children, grand children and great grand children. A dinner, with a tree, gifts for all which Santa Claus in person distributed, added to the happiness of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baldwin had Christmas breakfast with their friends the Schaumburgs and dinner in Chicago with the Perrys.

Leonard Fulton and family motored to Streator to pass Christmas Day with Mrs. Fulton's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Moss had dinner with the formers sister in Blue Island.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Keleher had a family dinner party, the special guests being Mr. and Mrs. William Clervens. There was a 17 pound turkey. Stockings were hung by the chimney with care and Old St. Nick was there too.

Mrs. J. F. Koehler had a birthday December 24th. There was no party but Mrs. Koehler received many gifts.

Major and Mrs. Wm. Funk had a Christmas dinner party with Dr. and Mrs. Dunham and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell as guests.

The Combs families dined with relatives in Chicago.

Mrs. Bernice Fircchau gave birth to a baby girl December 21st at the Harvey hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Andres had Christmas dinner at Aurora.

Mrs. Sandige is spending her spare moments in Chicago at the bedside of her father who is very ill.

Mrs. Englehart, Sr., had a family gathering at dinner Christmas Day.

To The Town Folks:
I take this opportunity of thanking the ones who so generously donated towards the Christmas fund. When the boxes which were placed

in some of the stores, were opened they contained more money than we had looked for.

MRS. WM. FUNK

Mr. and Mrs. George Schreiber and son Louis had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schreiber in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wyman had as their Christmas guests John Funk and family and Dr. and Mrs. C. Scheer.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hardinger had the Henry C. Andes family of Aurora for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Boeyer entertained the Hartman family Christmas Day.

The Royal Neighbors held their annual Christmas party Tuesday evening. Four candidates were initiated. Bunco was played and refreshments were served.

Mrs. John Utke presented her husband with a fine baby boy for a Christmas present on December 24.

Miss Hollstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hollstein, who has been ill for sometime, has been removed to the Silver Cross hospital at Joliet.

Rev. Albert Buddenhagen met with a painful accident last Wednesday. As he stepped off a train at Englewood his foot got caught in a switch frog and wrenched his foot badly. He has been able to be about with the aid of a cane. Tuesday an X-ray was taken of the injured foot.

Special New Year eve services in German will be held at the Zion Lutheran church Saturday night. On Sunday morning New Year day services will be held in English at the regular hour of worship.

A Christmas dance was held at the Saenger hall Monday night.

Mrs. Edward Henke who recently underwent an operation at the Harvey hospital is doing nicely.

The English Methodist church will hold a watch night with special service Saturday evening in the Community hall. Rev. Chaney will be in charge of the service. Refreshments will be served at mid-night.

Miss Marie Resennebber a teacher in the public school at Ann Arbor, Michigan, is the guest of Mrs. John Swisher.

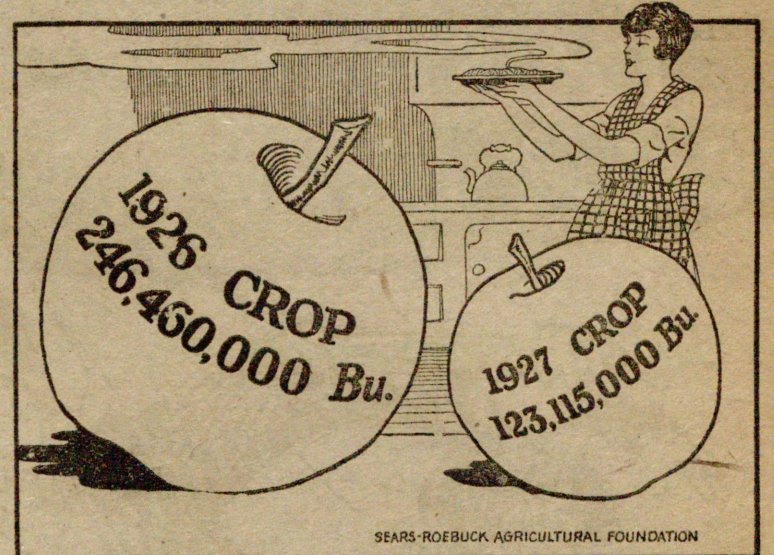
Holiday goods greatly reduced at THE GIFT SHOP—Adv.

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Very beautiful calendars are being distributed by some of the Tinley business men.

H. F. Brueggemann who recently fell and broke several ribs, is able to be at his grain office again.

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in this paper will bring
good returns on the
money invested

Apple Crop Cut in Half

THE golden apple of mythology may easily become a fact this winter, says the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. Only once in the past twenty years has old Mother Nature provided fewer apples per person than have been produced this year. Even though the orchards of every farm contribute their entire harvest, the apples will supply only one-half the pie or dumpling or bright red apples to munch before the winter fire that the bountiful yield of 1926 permitted.

Spring breezes, insect damage, drought and the generally weakened condition of apple trees as a result of overbearing last year demanded a heavy toll of the 1927 crop both in quantity and quality. The total yield, now estimated at 123,115,000 bushels and the commercial crop of 24,330,000 barrels compare with the 1926 harvest of 246,460,000 bushels and 39,411,000 barrels.

With production so light and a larger percentage than usual of low-grade or defective fruit, good quality apples should have a high market value. Prices paid to producers for the 1926 apple crop averaged \$1.05 per bushel, the lowest in ten years. In 1921, another short-crop year of 99,002,000 bushels, prices averaged \$1.95 per bushel.

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FRANKFORT

Henry Haake who passed away at Frankfort last Wednesday, was born in Hanover, Germany, February 11, 1844. Three years later he came with his parents from Germany and settled in Indiana and later they located in the vicinity of Frankfort.

In 1879 he was united in marriage with Sophia Bobzin. To this union five children were born, one son dying in 1913. The deceased is survived by his widow, one son Ferdinand Haake of Green Garden, three daughters, Mrs. George Mundt of Manhattan, Mrs. Chas. Genesee of Green Garden, Mrs. Lester Van Boegh of Frankfort, five sisters and a host of other relatives.

The funeral of Joe Zahm was held at the Wunderlich Chapel at Joliet Saturday afternoon. Burial was in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet.

Joe Zahm was a veteran E. J. & E. conductor. He and his wife moved to Frankfort three weeks ago from Joliet and lived in the Redlin house. He is survived by his widow and 5 children.

Berely Lorenzen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lorenzen, has been ill the past week.

Eugene Eisenbrand is ill at his home.

The Christmas program given by the small children at St. Peter's church Christmas eve was well rendered and a large congregation was present.

The pageant "When the King left His Throne" was given at St. Peter's church Sunday evening and drew such a large crowd that the church was crowded to overflowing.

A great many auto loads of people had to be turned away. In order to give those a chance to see it who were unable to get in, the pageant will be repeated at this church next Sunday night, Jan. 1, at 7 o'clock.

Chas. Rahm is ill at his home.

Mrs. Frank Cheney is ill at her home with diphtheria.

The congregational meeting of the St. Peter's church will be held at the church on Jan. 2 at 1 p.m.

The Christmas program of the Frankfort public school was held last Thursday evening at the school.

Ervin Knight, Clarence and Esther Gerhold, Dorothy, Walter and Robert Herschbach and Eloise Kohlhaagen are home from their school duties during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Breidert entertained guests at dinner Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Doty spent Monday in Chicago with Mr. and Mrs. Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Knight had as their guests over Christmas their daughter Ruth and family of Chicago.

Mrs. Reimers is very ill with neuritis of the face.

The Frankfort boys played New Lenox boys at a hockey game last Friday at New Lenox, Frankfort winning.

The Frankfort public school will remain closed until January 3rd.

The Sunday school children who are not yet confirmed and teachers, assisted by the mothers had a Christmas party Tuesday afternoon at St. Peter's church parlors. A large number of guests were present and all had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffins and daughter left for Paris, Illinois the past week. They will be gone for a few months. Mr. Griffin is bridge foreman of the bridge gang on Route 51.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Folkers and son Clarence, Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Clark of Chicago were Christmas guests of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Clark and family at Marseilles, Ill.

Wm. Logan and Mrs. Tinker entertained all of the Logan children at a Christmas dinner Monday.

Harold and Walter Cheney are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Feil on account of the illness of their

mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Feil had as their Christmas guests, Mr. Pfundstein and Valentine Feil of Manhattan last Sunday.

Mrs. Helen Carroll of Mokena was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Art Eisenbrand over Christmas.

The Frankfort Hall Company held a meeting last Thursday evening for the purpose of selling the hall. It will be advertised for sale, the date to be announced later.

"Ain't She Sweet?"



The Wards, as they are known at WLS, the Sears Roebuck Station, put the "why" in Hawaiian music. At least, as a result of the playing of the Wards on their Hawaiian guitars at WLS, the staff knows why Hawaiian music is so popular. Also, after listening to Cecil and Esther Ward play, the radio fans, in response to the question: "What kind of entertainment do you want?" always reply, "Why give us more Hawaiian music." So the "why" is in Hawaiian from many angles at WLS. Cecil and Esther Ward have made hundreds of personal appearances since they began playing on radio programs at WLS about two years ago. As one radio fan put it: "They are easy to look at and easy to listen to" so there is the story of Cecil and Esther Ward. They play popular numbers as well as Hawaiian numbers on their guitars.

Her Recognition

Small Elizabeth and her mother were walking down the street when they saw an urchin approaching them. Elizabeth stuck out her tongue. When they had gone on, her mother inquired "Why did you stick out your tongue at that little boy we just passed?" There was a pause while Elizabeth considered. "Why?" she replied, at length. "Why, mother, to show him I recognized him!"

Toper's Glass

The British museum has acquired a new treasure—a yard of ale. It is an ale glass a yard high, narrow at the base, but larger at the top. Fifty years ago it belonged to a young man who put on exhibitions showing how to drink all the ale in the glass without stopping.

Famous Literary Hoax

Willibald Alexis, a German novelist who gained fame 75 years ago, brought out what purported to be newly discovered manuscripts by Sir Walter Scott, entitled "Walladunere." It had a tremendous sale until Alexis, having become famous, admitted that it was a hoax.

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Only Once Out of Debt

The United States was out of debt only once in its history, according to an answered question in Liberty. That was in 1885 during Andrew Jackson's administration.

Peacock Poor Second

"A peacock has many feathers," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown. "He struts, but not so much as the human personage officially permitted to wear only one."—Washington Star.

REPORT

all the news happenings that come to your attention to this office. It will be appreciated for every piece of news will make the paper more interesting for you as well as others. We want and with your help will print all

THE NEWS

Two Old Academies

Phillips Exeter Academy was founded by John Phillips at Exeter in 1781 and became known as Phillips Exeter to distinguish it from Phillips Andover, which was founded in 1778 through the gifts of the Phillips family.

Holes in Cheese

The bureau of dairying does not believe that there is any cheese in which the holes are made by worms. Most cheese in which holes are found is made in such a way as to develop gas which produces a specific organism which causes holes.

Credit to Paul Revere

It will always be to the credit of Paul Revere that he didn't stop to make a speech. Toledo Blade

MOKENA

Mr. and Mrs. John Mattes spent Christmas in Chicago with Mrs. Angie Mattes and family.

Peter Michelsen who recently underwent an operation at the Roseland Community hospital returned home the latter part of the week and is improving nicely.

The pupils of the Mokena school are enjoying a week's vacation.

Miss Loretta McGee of Chicago was the guest of her sister, Mrs.

John Horras and family over Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cooper and son Harold spent Christmas in St. Louis with Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Niethammer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lowe and daughter spent Monday in St. Louis with Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Niethammer.

Christmas joys in the Julius Hirsch household were turned to sadness Saturday when the funeral of Mrs. Hirsch's brother-in-law was

held in Blue Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Semmler, Mr. and Mrs. George Warming and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Schiek attended the Christmas pageant "God With Us" presented at the New Lenox M. E. church Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barnes entertained a company of relatives at a Christmas dinner Monday.

Rev. Glenn T. Beatty pastor of the Mokena M. E. church is attending a convention of the Oxford Fellowship Club of which he is the national secretary, at Detroit this week.

The bank and post office as well as the stores remained closed Monday in observance of Christmas. The regular rural delivery of mail was made.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cleveland are spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Florida.

While Mr. Barleywort was cranking his car Christmas day he was seized with a severe pain in his right leg and has been confined to his home.

The Brotherhood of St. John's Evangelical church have everything prepared for the big oyster stew and entertainment they are sponsoring at this church on Saturday night, New Year's eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Deadmore of Joliet and well known here, spent Christmas in Mount Greenwood as guests of the Stevenson family.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church meets with Mrs. Richard Hensel next Thursday afternoon.

The St. Mary's parish held a Christmas party at the St. Mary hall Tuesday evening. Santa Claus was there and distributed gifts to the kiddies. All report a fine time.

Mrs. Ferdinand Tonn is seriously ill at her home. A trained nurse is in attendance.

East Indian Time

The Samvat year is generally used in reckoning time in India, except in Bengal. According to tradition it was introduced by King Vikrama in 53 B. C. A Samvat given date represents the year last completed.

Today.

There is a thing called yesterday, but that is only the dust-bin at the door, into which we cast our refuse, our failures, our worn-out souls. There is a thing called tomorrow, bursting with far better things than those which we have discarded. But in today the whole passionate force of the universe is poured—and therefore today is marvellous.—S. P. B. Maie.

King's Death Warrant

The original warrant for the execution of Charles I is in the library of the house of lords. It was produced by Colonel Barker after the Restoration, and was the evidence upon which those who had signed it were exempted from the indemnity act.

Making for Happiness

There is no happiness in having and getting, but only in giving; half the world is on the wrong scent in the pursuit of happiness.—Henry Drummond.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1928

COMMENCING AT 10 A. M.

4 HEAD OF HORSES—1 Black Team weighing 2600 lbs., 1 Black Mare weighing 1400 lbs., 1 Sorrel Horse weighing 1500 lbs.
14 HEAD T. B. TESTED CATTLE—1 with Calf by side, 2 Springers, 6 giving good flow of milk, 4 Heifers, 1 registered Brown Swiss Bull 1 year old. These Cattle will be sold with a 60 day retest.
19 HOGS, 4 FAT SOWS, 15 SHOATS, 85 RHODE ISLAND RED HENS AND PULLETS.

FARM MACHINERY

8 ft. McCormick Deering Binder new, Milwaukee Corn Binder, McCormick Deering Dump Rake, Keystone Side Rake, J. Deere Corn Planter, 100 rods Wire, McCormick Mower 6 ft. cut, Low 20th Century Manure Spreader, Hoosier Broadcast Seeder, P. and O. Riding Cultivator, 4 section Drag, Bob Sled, 14 wheel Disc, McCormick Deering Feed Grinder 3 inch Burr, Light Spring Wagon, 3 inch Tire Wagon nearly new, 3 inch Tire Wagon and box, Set of 2 Ton Wagon Springs, Hay Rack, 2 Bottom P. and O. Tractor Plow, J. Deere Sulky Plow, Fanning Mill, Seed Corn Drier, Single Cultivator, 1 1/2 H. P. Rock Island Engine, 2 1/2 H. P. Economy Engine, Cream Separator, 2 Pump Jacks, 50 ft. Belt, 160 ft. Hay Rope, Pulleys and Fork, Horse Clipper, Shoveling Board, 1 Hole Corn Shelter, 2 Set Breaching Harness, 2 Sets Fly Nets, 2 Set Single Harness, 5 Forks, Milk Strainer and Pail, 4 Bus. of Seed Corn, Cyphers Incubator 35Q Egg, Hog Troughs, 3 Ladders, 3 fifty gal. Gas Tanks, Scoop Shovel, Chiggen Coops, Set Horse Blankets, Cow Chains and Log Chains.
HOUSEHOLD GOODS—Sideboard, Hanging Lamps, 3 Burner Perfection Oil Stove; Jewel Cook Stove; Kitchen Table; Hot Blast Heater; Gas Iron 16 Ton Timothy Hay in Barn; 50 Shocks Feed Corn and many small articles too numerous to mention.

FREE LUNCH AT NOON

TERMS OF SALE—All sums of \$20 and under cash. On sums over that amount a credit of one year will be given on good approved bankable notes bearing six per cent interest if paid when due. If not paid when due, 7 per cent will be charged from date of sale. Nothing to be removed until settled for.

Walter Mager, Owner

Edward Schmadeke, Auctioneer.

J. C. Habenicht, Clerk.



Plans to control floods in the Illinois river valley were considered at a meeting held recently in the office of S. J. Stanard, director of agriculture. The state commission, created by an act of the last general assembly, has been announced by Governor Small, who issued the call for the flood control meeting.

A. T. Dunn, Beardstown, was named a member of the commission some time ago, and Senator A. S. Cuthbertson, Bunker Hill, and Representative H. V. Teel, Rushville, were the members recently named by Governor Small. Director Stanard and William Mulvihill, state superintendent of waterways, are ex-officio members.

The law creating the commission, aimed to give relief at Beardstown and other points on the Illinois river, provides for co-operation with other similar bodies in devising ways and means for flood control. The commission is to report not later than February 1, 1929, the status of its work and make recommendations relative to flood control. The commission shall continue in existence during the period of the consideration of its report. The assembly appropriated \$10,000 to pay the necessary and actual expenses and costs necessary or incident to its work.

Whether the present state tax rate of 65 cents on the \$100 valuation will be reduced, was expected to be considered at a meeting of the officials last week. The board is composed of the governor, state auditor and state treasurer.

While the rate may not be announced for some time figures are being compiled and will be gone over as soon as an estimate of the total valuation on property to be extended by the state tax commission is secured. Officials report that there is a total of \$21,000,000 in the revenue fund of the state and that approximately \$10,000,000 lapsed the last of September, which shows that a vast amount of money appropriated by the legislature two years ago was not spent.

The state tax commission continues its work in Chicago and has given no indication when a final return will be made. Taxing officials of the various counties are urging speed, in order that they may begin the task of extending local taxes.

The importance of the beekeeping industry not alone from the standpoint of the production of honey, in itself a valuable food, but from its value in the pollination of fruits and vegetables was stressed by Director S. J. Stanard of the Illinois department of agriculture in his talk before the banquet meeting of the Illinois State Beekeepers' association, which met in the capital city recently. As pollinizers of fruits and vegetables, bees are valuable to the state, Mr. Stanard said. He also spoke of the service the state gives to the beekeepers as protection against a well-known disease of bees, known as the American foulbrood. The state department maintains an inspection service which either cures the disease or destroys the diseased hives. The disease is on the decrease in the state, Mr. Stanard said, fewer than 4 per cent of the hives now in Illinois being affected. Mr. Stanard also told of a state law passed at the last general assembly, which prevents the importation into Illinois of diseased bees or hives. He asked the co-operation of the beekeepers in the observance of the various state laws pertaining to the avian industry and thanked them for their compliance in the past.

Illinois has a million fowls accredited as standard bred—as many as all of the other states combined. Poultry fanciers assembled for the central Illinois poultry show at Pana recently and received this information from Stillman J. Stanard, director of agriculture, the chief speaker of the evening.

With this great increase in the demand from poultry farmers for this state inspection service, Stanard forecast that within a very few years Illinois will gain recognition as the leading poultry state in the Union. "A Standard-Bred Flock on Every Farm in Illinois," the slogan of the Illinois State Poultry association, he stated, is becoming a reality.

A. D. Smith, chief poultryman of the division of poultry husbandry, Illinois department of agriculture, called upon for information relative to this service, explained that in a recent national convention of officials who perform like service, thirty-eight states were represented. They all reported progress, but the other states combined had no more accredited birds recorded than there are in Illinois this season.

It's no joke to walk clear from South Carolina to Illinois on foot but Harvey M. Burns, who died just a few days ago at the age of eighty-two years at his home in Waverly, did just that when he was but twenty-two.

Illinois had been pictured to Mr. Burns as a country where agricultural opportunities were ample and where farmers could realize their dreams. Mr. Burns arrived near Waverly practically penniless, but with the infinite courage of the hardy Georgia stock, he wrested a comfortable living and wealth from the soil.

Gen. Joseph W. Vance, adjutant general of the state of Illinois during the administrations of Governors Hamilton, Oglesby and Fifer, prominent in Civil war and peace-time activities, died recently at his home in Los Angeles, Calif. General Vance was a graduate of United States Military academy at West Point. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in Company F, Seventh congressional district regiment in Illinois, and his first active engagement in the Civil war was at Fredericktown, Mo. Later he was acting adjutant general on the staff of Gen. William S. Rosecrans. As commander of the military post at Bardonia, Ky., he successfully defended the place against an attack of Confederate cavalry led by General John Morgan. Following the close of the Civil war, he was selected to aid in the organization of the Illinois National Guard. In 1884 he was promoted to brigadier general and adjutant general of Illinois and during the years of his active association with the National Guard he compiled and published eight volumes of Illinois war reports embracing the records of 268,000 soldiers. During this time he caused the establishment of Camp Lincoln with its rifle range. He resigned in 1891 from active military work to enter private business.

The state department of public works and buildings has just received bids for the construction of approximately sixty miles of highways in various parts of the state. In addition bids were received for bridge and grading projects.

The road bids are as follows: Route 13, section 28, St. Clair county, 6.26 miles; Route 27, section 48, Carroll county, .40 mile; Route 33, section 6X, Jasper county, .21 mile; Route 40, section 5X, Carroll county, 1.27 miles; Route 49, section 110, Jasper county, 3.47 miles; Route 64, section 126, DeKalb-Kane counties, 12.20 miles; Route 64, section 127, Kane county, 6.82 miles; Route 116, section 101, Marshall county, 1.83 miles; Route 122, section 128, Tazewell-McLean counties, 13.90 miles; Route 129, section 105, Shelby county, 9.29 miles; Route 147, section 122, Pulaski county, 1.22 miles; Route 176, section 144, Lake county, 6.93 miles. The bridge sections are in Will, DuPage, Kane, Tazewell, McLean and Cumberland counties.

Early distribution of auto license plates for 1928 is promised and indications are that the work will be accomplished more speedily than during past years. Already it is estimated 80 per cent of the cars in the state will carry the new license plates by the end of December.

Approximately 1,235,000 plates have been issued during 1927 for passenger cars and approximately 184,350 plates for trucks. It is estimated that it will require not less than 1,350,000 plates for passenger cars and 200,000 for trucks during 1928.

License plates for the coming year will be white numerals on a maroon background. The outline map of Illinois carried on the plates for 1927 will be omitted.

John H. Camlin, president of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, reports that reservations on the steamship Cartago, chartered for a winter cruise to Caribbean sea ports by that organization, have been 60 per cent taken. This is the second cruise of the kind and the 78 Illinoisans making up the party will sail from New Orleans on January 28. The state chamber is especially interested in the Caribbean sea lands for the reason that trade between the United States and its Latin-American neighbors has increased 40 per cent in the last year. The expedition is called the Second Good-Will Trade cruise of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and is limited to members and their friends.

Approximately two thousand road boosters attended a hard-road rally at the Jacksonville high school auditorium a few days ago; the meeting was held in the interest of the Jacksonville-Havana and the Mercedosa-Auburn highways. The state was represented by Gov. Len Small, Col. C. R. Miller, director of public works and buildings, and Frank T. Sheets, chief highway engineer.

"This road meeting," Governor Small said in his speech, "will be the beginning of real activities in Morgan county and this part of the state in the building of roads provided for in the \$100,000,000 bond issue."

"Throughout the entire summer we have been letting contracts for road work as rapidly as the surveys, plans and specifications could be made."

"This same policy will be continued during the winter and spring months so that by the time the construction season opens in the spring of 1928, we expect to have sufficient mileage under contract to insure the completion of not less than 1,000 miles of durable hard-surfaced roads on our state bond issue system during the next year, and we hope to equal, if not surpass, the record set in 1924 of 1,230 miles."

J. E. Robertson of Spring Garden township, Jefferson county, has filed a petition with the Illinois commerce commission for authority to operate a highway over the tracks of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad, south of Ina.

The Illinois board of pardons and paroles, since October 3, has entered parole orders for the release of 418 boys at the Illinois state reformatory at Pontiac. Of this number, 314 have been released.



PRUNING IS VERY NECESSARY WORK

Instead of being satisfied with a shabby neglected orchard producing mostly scabby wormy fruit which cannot be relished by the family nor sold to advantage, the farmer can manage his orchard so that his home will be abundantly supplied with clean, sound, wholesome fruit from September until late spring and in addition the surplus will find a market at fair prices.

To accomplish these results it becomes necessary that the farmer adopt the orchard practices in use by successful orchardists.

Pruning is necessary as a means of reducing the number of cull fruits in the crop. This is accomplished partly by removing many of the badly shaded and crowded branches making very little growth. This kind of wood cannot bear large apples. Most of the large apples grow on strong growing branches which have abundant access to light and air. Ordinarily, bearing trees are apt to become dense in the upper parts of the tree, thus shading all branches below it. This must be regulated by opening the top of the tree. Remove upright parts of branches at a place where another part of the branch grows to the outside of the tree. Attend your local pruning demonstrations and learn how to prune for better size and color of fruit.

Trees must be fertilized regularly if best results are to be obtained. On the average farm, stable manure is available and should be used for orchard fertilization. If it is not applied in the fall of the year chances are that the work is delayed until winter or spring and no application made.

Mulch for Strawberries Gives Good Protection

A mulch for strawberries is desirable in nearly all sections. Strawberries are very shallow-rooted and much damage from alternate freezing and thawing is likely to result unless there is a protective covering. Mulching is also desirable because it saves soil moisture, prevents the soil from baking and aids in weed control. In the spring it tends to keep berries clean and to make picking easier, says Successful Farming.

Straw and hay are the most common mulching materials, though cornstalks, pine needles and straw manure are sometimes used. The material should be cheap, not easily shifted by winds and free from weed seeds.

The time of application will vary with the climate. In colder sections it is desirable to wait until the ground is well frozen. In sections where winters are mild and many fall freezes occur it is best not to wait until severe weather occurs. Uniform mulching is desirable but when material is scarce the area over the plants should receive first attention. A rather light mulching will be ample since the mulch need only prevent abrupt changes.

Woolly Aphis Injurious to Young Apple Trees

Woolly aphis attacks young apple trees both on the roots underground and on the branches and twigs above ground. Above ground it is easy to control the insect by spraying with nicotine sulphate 1 part to 800 parts of water. High pressure should be used in order to drive the material into the woolly masses. The material must be brought into contact with the insects' bodies if it is to kill them.

It is not an easy matter to destroy the insects beneath the ground. Some persons report they have controlled the insect by digging away the earth for several inches, then distributing tobacco dust over the roots and covering with soil. Others have reported success from injecting carbon bisulphide in holes punched in the ground about the trees and then filling the holes. The bisulphide is quite volatile, and the fumes in spreading through the soil kill the insects as they are reached. Since the material is quite inflammable, one should not smoke when applying it.

Planting a Windbreak

Do not plant windbreaks too close to the buildings. The ideal way is to have space for the garden and small fruit plantation between it and the house. Where space is limited, of course, conditions will determine otherwise sometimes, but about 300 feet from the buildings is about right. A temporary windbreak of soft maple or golden willow would live long enough so that in the meantime the evergreens would grow and get a fair start.

Trimming Trees

In trimming trees, it should be remembered there are two kinds of cells, fruit and wood cells. One kind of cell will predominate at the expense of the other. If you are planning to grow fruit, eliminate the wood cells, or if you are developing the tree, eliminate the fruit cells. Branches larger than a 50-cent piece that are cut should be covered with paint to fill up the wound. Where trees have a weakness on one side, careful pruning will make it shape up.

INFANTS' KNT ENSEMBLES; HANDWORK FEATURES HATS

ZIP! And the little slip-on sweater knit of fleecy angora wool is fastened with a single gesture, perfectly neat and secure, so that not even a mite of a breeze can creep in. Zip! And right down its front fastening this same downy garment will open at the touch of deft fingers. As is shown in the picture, the little sweater to the left has one of these zipper fastenings. In fact most new-type sweaters, likewise leggings, are equipped with them and they are proving a real

the collection of hats in this picture. The beguiling detail lavished on these delectable models is characteristic of the midwinter trend. Of course, in keeping with festive occasions of the social season, there is a note of dressiness such as the early hats did not possess. The tendency to glitter and scintillate and sparkle which marks the fashions of today is particularly reflected in the lovely hats shown here. Not only is this attained with the popular metallic touch,



Two Cute Outfits.

blessing in the realm of children's apparel.

They work like magic, these zipper inventions, much to the delight of mothers, who appreciate something that does the trick in a hurry before their active offspring can enter a protest at being bundled up in coat and cap, mittens, leggings, and such.

However, not many tots are going to raise an objection to being dressed up in such cunning garments as those shown in the illustration. Never has such perfected knitted outerwear been devised for children as that which is being displayed this season in department and specialty shops.

Little folks' knitted outfits are certainly interpreting the ensemble theme to a nicety. There is not an item lacking from both the sense of comfort and beauty in either of the outfits here shown. Sweater, leggings, cap and mittens all in a delicate beige shade with reddish-brown stripes; woolly balls dangling from the top of the cap; a pecker on the sweater, a work-like lightning zipper fastener; what more could any wee girl or boy ask for as a winter ensemble?

The roly-poly youngster sitting in the foreground is clothed in snowy fluffy white from head to foot. Of course this outfit is knitted of angora wool, for most of the infant sets are, and they are as light in weight and dainty as swansdown. All the lovely touches which baby clothes have are

but the newest models are displaying exquisite bead embroidery.

Speaking of beads, if you are wanting something new in the way of a choice boutonniere, you will find it in dainty little bouquets made of tiny colorful beads strung on fine wire, then worked into petals and tendrils and leaves.

Very lovely beadwork enhances the distinguished little satin hat shown at the top of this group to the left, and as to the shape itself, one cannot but be impressed with its novelty and charm.

The hat with the wee brim cleverly suggests a helmet at the sides without detracting from a becoming cloche contour. The beads are gold worked on a bronze satin background.

There is something distinctively "different" about the flange crown which imparts such effective "lines" to the chapeau in the center. The beadwork displays an exquisiteness which appeals to discriminating taste.

A touch of the oriental is suggested in the beautiful evening chapeau of cloth of gold and metal brocade, to which the long fringe side trim imparts such grace.

The last hat in the group is won drously all-over patterned in beads



Some Charming Hats.

lavished on knitted things these days, such as ribbons to tie the "comfy" cap over wee pink ears, tassels and crochet cords to hold the tiny mittens on chubby hands and there's a snug-fitting elastic at the waistline to hold the trouserette leggings secure.

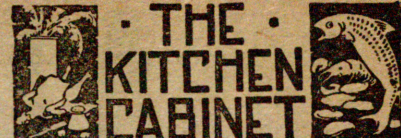
If ever millinery genius has received a challenge, it has been during the present season, the problem being to lift the little hat out of its monotony and general unbecomingness to a point of individual charm and attractiveness. Has victory crowned the efforts of the modiste? For answer we respectfully submit

Note how delicately the designer suggests a wee off-the-face brim.

The beauty of the hats in this group, and in fact, of all fashionable headgear, is its flexibility. To sense the lines of the modern chapeau, it must be seen on the head, otherwise it folds up as easily as a soft boudoir cap. Here again is where the milliner's art asserts itself—in creating hats of perfect contour when worn, which can be folded and packed in a niche of one's suitcase or week-end bag.

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"One inch of joy surmounts of grief a span, Because to laugh is proper to the man."

VARIETY OF GOOD THINGS

When serving boiled fish cook it in a cheese cloth well tied up and drop into boiling, slightly acidulated water. Serve with:

Drawn Butter Sauce.—Measure one-third of a cupful of butter. Melt one-half of

the butter, add three tablespoonfuls of flour, one-eighth of a teaspoonful of pepper, one-half teaspoonful of salt, pour on gradually one and one-half cupfuls of boiling water. Boil five minutes, remove from the fire and add the remainder of the butter in small pieces.

Spice Pudding.—Take one cupful of dried bread crumbs, add one pint of hot milk, cover and let stand until the milk is absorbed. Add one-fourth teaspoonful of salt, one-half cupful of molasses, one-quarter teaspoonful of cinnamon, one-eighth teaspoonful of cloves, the same of nutmeg, mace, ginger and allspice. Add two-thirds of a cupful of raisins that have been steamed five minutes. Add one well beaten egg, mix well and turn into a greased pudding-dish and bake nearly an hour in a moderate oven.

Fish Souffle.—Make a sauce of two cupfuls of scalded milk, one-eighth cupful of butter, the same of flour, one teaspoonful of salt, one-eighth teaspoonful of pepper, one-half cupful of soft bread crumbs and cook two minutes; remove from the fire, add two cupfuls of shredded cooked fish, the yolks of three eggs well beaten, and one tablespoonful of finely chopped parsley; then fold in the well beaten whites. Turn into a buttered pudding dish and bake thirty minutes or more in a slow oven. Serve with:

Caper Sauce.—Divide one-third of a cupful of butter into two parts. Melt one-half the butter, add three tablespoonfuls of flour, add seasoning of salt and pepper, boil five to eight minutes until the starch in the flour is thoroughly cooked, add the remaining butter in small pieces. Add one-half cupful of capers drained from their liquor. This sauce is also good with mutton.

Corn Soup.—Rub one cupful of canned corn through a sieve. Put into a saucepan two tablespoonfuls of butter and when bubbling hot add two tablespoonfuls of flour. Cook until smooth, then add slowly three cupfuls of milk, and the corn, cook eight minutes and serve. A few kernels of freshly popped corn sprinkled over each serving adds to its appearance and flavor.

Cottage Cheese, cream cheese, or any kind of cheese is good for lunch.

This and That in Foods. As game and wild fowl are in season, it is well to consider a few ways of preparing it.

Wild duck, mud hens and wild goose as well as fish are often rather gamey in flavor. To remove some of this flavor there are many methods. To parboil with carrot, celery and a sliced onion is one of the best. Then drain and proceed with the cooking in any way desirable, such as frying brown in butter or roasting in a hot oven.

A young bird of any kind, after a little parboiling as above, will, if brushed with butter and an onion and a few stalks of celery is placed inside, then browned in a brisk oven, be found especially appetizing.

One housewife who was fortunate enough to have some venison, more than her small family could consume, prepared it for mincemeat, making an especially well-flavored mixture.

Any game birds are good served with sliced oranges as a salad. Serve them in overlapping slices, covered with a well-seasoned French dressing. Finely shredded cabbage, covered with cold water to crisp it, then well drained and covered with cream, sugar and a dash of vinegar, is another worth-while way of serving a salad.

Date, Apple, Onion Salad.—Take a slice or two of Spanish onion finely diced, of chopped fine, add to a quart or less of finely diced apples and a cupful of minced dates. Season with salt and dress with any good boiled dressing. Serve on lettuce with a bit of parsley for garnishment. With the beautiful red apples hollowed out and filled with this mixture or with the Waldorf salad, which is celery, nuts and apples, one has not only a table decoration but a most appetizing salad.

Eclipse Sauce.—Melt one tablespoonful of butter, add one of flour and when well blended add one cupful of water in which a cucumber has been cooked. Season with salt and cayenne and pour over a well-beaten egg; add a tablespoonful of lemon juice and reheat carefully. The chopped, stewed cucumber may be added, which makes this a delicious sauce.

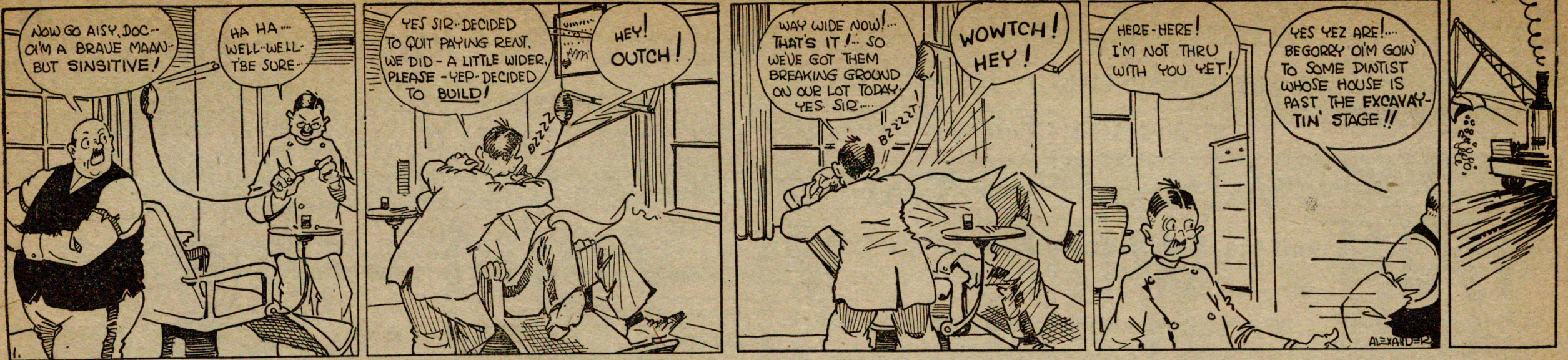
Baked Potatoes.—Select even-sized potatoes and bake in a hot oven. When well done slash at right angles on the flat side and press up the potato. Drop a spoonful of butter in each and sprinkle with a dash of paprika.

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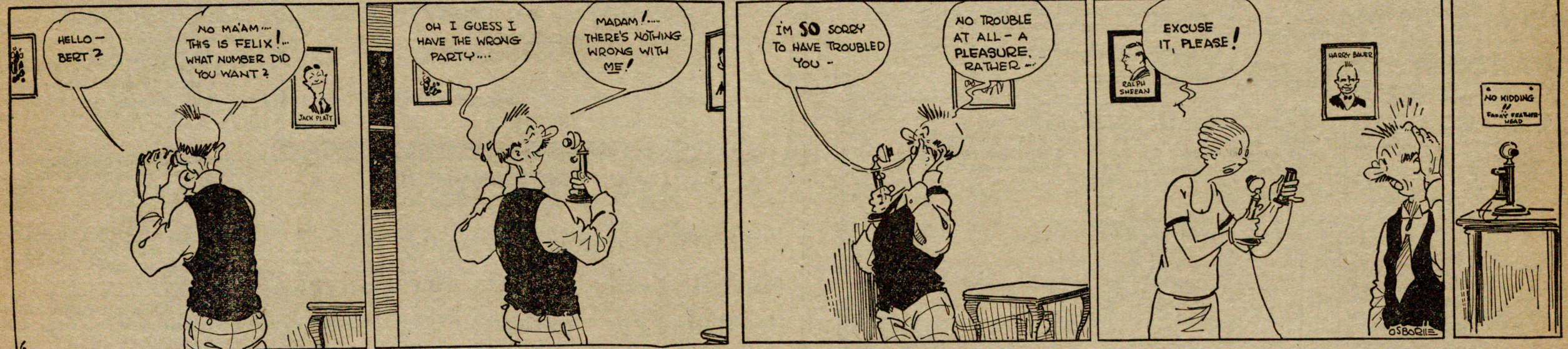
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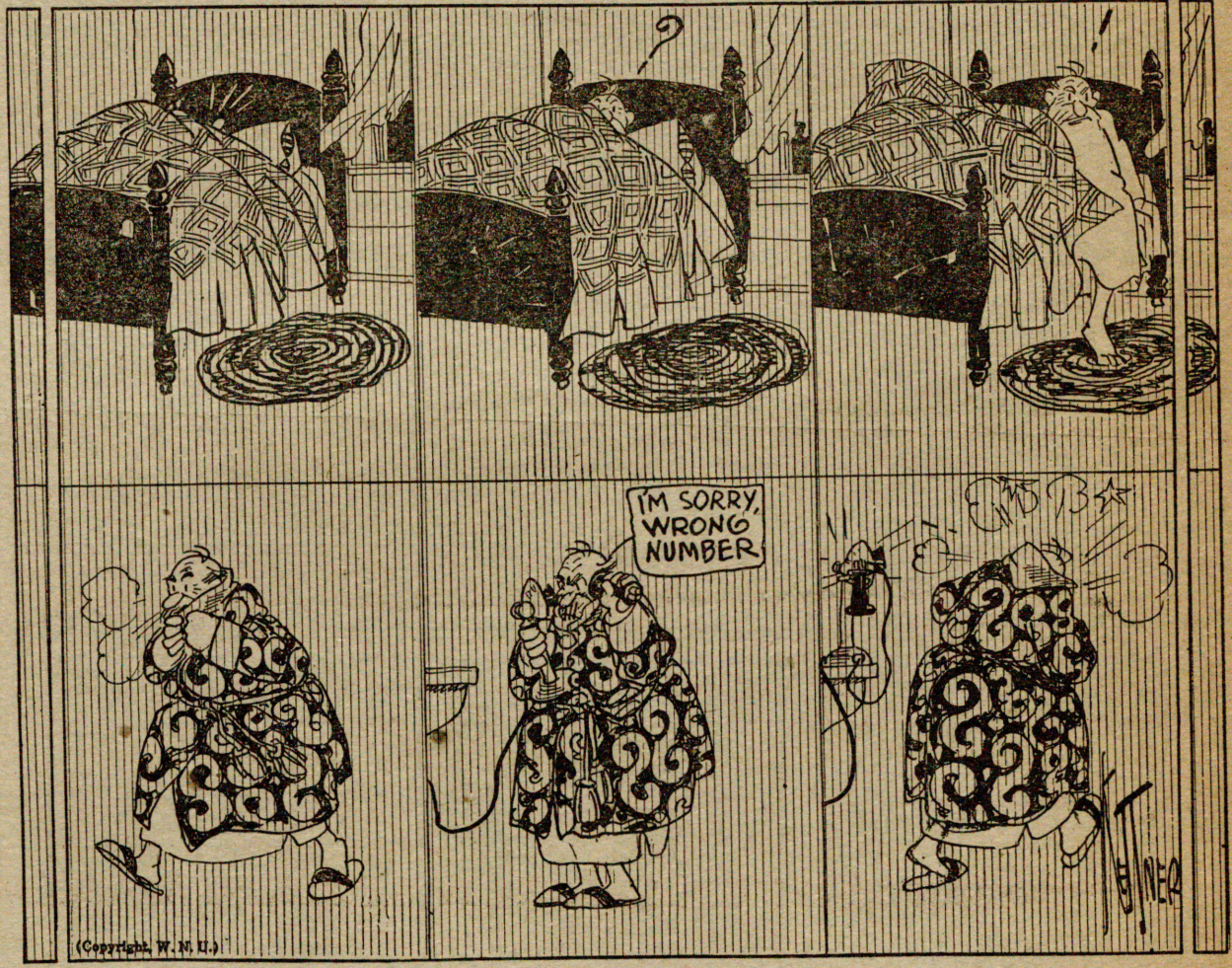
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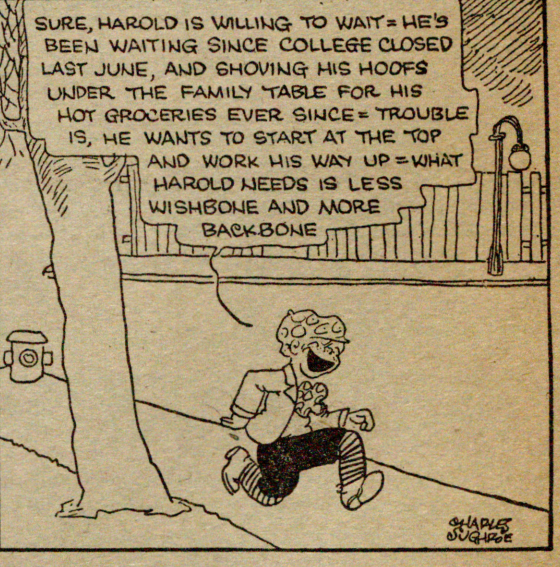
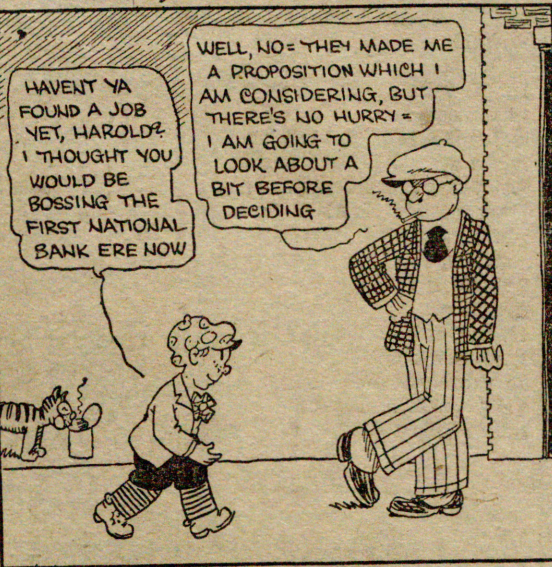
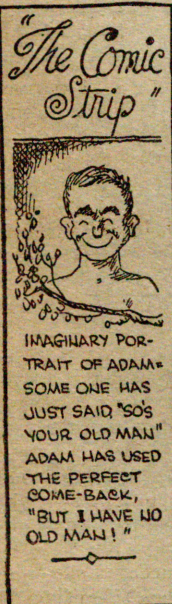
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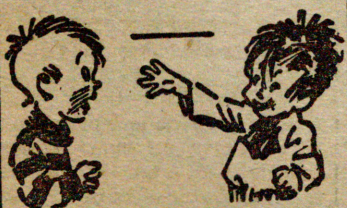
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